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ROBERT STEELE 1055 NORTH 400 EAST NEPHI UT 84648

Dear Mr. Steele:

On March 6, 2006 the Fillmore Field Office (FFO) of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a copy of a Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM), Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations (Plan) that you submitted to them for mining operations you propose on and around Utah Mining Claims UMC 365721, UMC 365722 and UMC 367303 in T 21 S, R 16 W, sections 7 and 8. Though the plan was not submitted directly to the BLM as required by regulation, 43 CFR §3802.1-4, I am herewith acknowledging the receipt of the plan of operations.

This proposed mining activity is within the King Top Wilderness Study Area, UT-050-070, and is subject to regulations 43 CFR § 3802. I am of the preliminary opinion that the nature of your mining claims, prevent your operations from impairment of the areas suitability for inclusion in the wilderness system. In order to confirm this opinion and determine how the non-impairment standard, as described in the Interim Management Policy for Lands Under Wilderness Review, Handbook H-8550-1 applies to your operations, I will require an additional thirty (30) days to review your plan.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Jerry Mansfield at (435) 743-3125.

Sincerely,

Sherry K. Hirst

Field Office Manager

cc: U-93

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